



IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 6 as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) An integrated interior trim piece having a first surface, for a vehicle comprising:

an upholstery skin material;

[a] substantially all of said first surface being an exposed porous substrate [located substantially at said first surface]; and

a molded foam material extending between said upholstery skin material and said substrate, for bonding said upholstery skin material to said porous substrate.

6. (Twice Amended) An interior trim piece having a first surface, for a vehicle comprising:

an upholstery skin material;

a molded foam layer bonded to said upholstery skin material; and

each a porous substrate integrally formed within said foam layer, wherein [said] substantially all of said first surface being an exposed porous substrate [has a first surface which is substantially adjacent said first surface] and said foam layer [forms] forming a bond between said porous substrate and said upholstery skin material.

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for courtesies granted during the telephonic conference of September 7, 2000. As the Examiner may recall, amendments to Claims 1 and 6 were proposed which would better define the Applicants' invention. Specifically, substantially all of the inner surface of the trim substrate is a porous substrate layer. Applicant believes this clearly overcomes the Examiner's reference to Takeuchi et al. (U.S. Patent 5,180,617) which shows a porous layer intermediate to a foam layer and a foamed layer inner surface.

Applicants believe all of the stated grounds for rejection have been properly,